

From the Secretary

By Karen Goff

I will be attending National Library Legislative Day in Washington next week along with several other librarians from the state and hundreds more from across the nation. We will all be visiting the offices of our Congressional delegations and discussing the state and local effects of Federal library legislation. Among the key issues identified by the American Library Association (ALA) are:

- **Funding.** Funding for the *Library Services and Technology Act* (LSTA), *Innovative Approaches to Literacy* (IAL) program, the Library of Congress, and the Government Printing Office (GPO). We all know the importance of LSTA funding to the state's libraries. Collectively, the federal funds listed above enable libraries to provide needed services including the sharing of limited resources, support for school and public libraries in community literacy programs, and maintaining service to the blind and physically handicapped through the Library of Congress. In every state, the public benefits because federal library funding leverages new and efficient ways for libraries to serve the public and gives impetus for the development of new resources, services and collaborative projects.
- **Workforce Investment Act.** Librarians are asking Senators to include libraries as part of the *Workforce Investment Act* (WIA) reauthorization. Libraries serve a major role in helping citizens find jobs by offering a variety of resources to assist job seekers.
- **Broadband and the E-Rate.** Without the E-Rate, libraries in West Virginia and the nation could not meet the public need for access to Internet and digital information, from email to video streaming for training. Senators and representatives will be thanked for their continued support of the E-Rate program and encouraged to support reforms that will bring the fund in alignment with the growing application demand.



- **School Library Programs.** School library programs are in crisis even though studies clearly demonstrate that students perform better in schools that have a quality school library with a state-certified school librarian. Librarians are asking their congressional delegations to include effective school library programs in reauthorization of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)*.
- **E-books.** At last count, 90% of the libraries in West Virginia provide patrons access to e-books. But, as you know, all titles are not available in this format and those that are available are often priced beyond the means of most libraries. There is no specific e-book legislation currently before Congress but librarians will be raising the awareness of Congressional delegations about both the issue and the fact that ALA is working with publishers, authors, and library vendors, seeking basic fairness so that all publishers will provide e-books for public access in libraries.
- **Access to federal research.** This issue is of critical importance to the academic community and researchers in all areas. We will be asking the West Virginia ALA Members of Congress to co-sponsor the *Fair Access to Science and Technology Research Act of 2013 (FASTR)* to demonstrate support for open access to taxpayer-funded research.



West Virginia Libraries Awarded Muslim Journeys Bookshelf Collection

Awards from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the American Library Association (ALA) are improving West Virginians' access to information about Islam and its culture. The organizations awarded the Bridging Cultures Bookshelf: Muslim Journeys to four college libraries and the West Virginia Humanities Council. The colleges are West Virginia Wesleyan College, Marshall University, West Virginia University, and West Liberty University. In order to reach a wide audience, the Humanities Council asked the West Virginia Library Commission to house the Bookshelf and make it available to public, academic and high school libraries across the state.

The Bookshelf addresses the American public's need and desire for trustworthy and accessible resources about Muslim beliefs and practices and the cultural heritage associated with Islamic civilizations.



The books and films comprising the Bookshelf were selected with the advice of librarians and cultural programming experts, as well as distinguished scholars in the fields of anthropology, world history, religious studies, interfaith dialogue, the history of art and architecture, world literature, Middle East studies, South-east Asian studies, African studies, and Islamic studies.

Each film in the Bookshelf comes with public performance rights, so libraries can host free public screenings.

The Bookshelf is available to West Virginia libraries as a collection. A complete list of the books and films is available at <http://tinyurl.com/czvhf2w>. To request the collection, contact Heather Campbell Shock, State Library Services Manager, heather.s.campbell@wv.gov, (304) 558-3976, extension 2069.

Hoskins New WVLC Planning and Programming Consultant

By John Paul Myrick, WVLC Library Development Director

I am happy to announce that Susan Hoskins of Beckley will be joining the Library Development staff at the Library Commission effective May 16th in the position of Planning and Programming Consultant. Susan will serve as the State Data Coordinator and will be responsible for the accumulation, maintenance and reporting of required statistics for WV libraries and the agency, and will assist in other consulting duties, including long-range strategic planning, state library network ILS research, technology planning and public programming. She will also serve as the compliance officer for the public libraries.

Susan is currently employed with the Raleigh County Schools and at the Youth Museum of West Virginia, and was employed with Mountain State University Library for many years in a number of roles, culminating as their Circulation Librarian for the past 12 years. She also spent time in the service of the Marshall University Graduate College Library. While at Mountain State, she supervised their migration to the SIRSIDynix Horizon system and the operations of that system. She coordinated all serials activities, developed policies and procedures, and managed programming activities as related to her department. She holds an MLS degree from the University of Alabama School of Library and Information Studies and her undergraduate degree in Interdisciplinary Studies/Library Science from Mountain State in Beckley.

We look forward to her joining our staff. We will provide contact information and guidance to libraries on where to direct their compliance materials after her arrival.

EBSCO and WVLC to Provide Free Online Training

EBSCO and the West Virginia Library Commission will provide free online training in using West Virginia's Virtual Library. The theme is "Be in the Know." Public library directors and employees are encouraged to attend one or all of these sessions. All sessions are scheduled 3:30 PM, EDT, and will be approximately one-hour long. WebEx will conduct the online webinar sessions.

After you register for each session, you will receive an email from messenger@webex.com with instructions on how to join the meeting. Continuing Education credit will be awarded to public library workers for attendance at these sessions. Note that EBSCO will send the CE credit information and proof of attendance to WVLC; there is no need to request the information.



Here's an overview of the webinars:

- **General Overview of EBSCOhost for Public Libraries**, May 16, 3:30 PM. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/c786kph> to register. This session introduces EBSCOhost, the powerful interface that searches multiple databases at once and delivers a full set of results that can be refined and customized to the needs of the user.
- **NoveList Plus and NoveList K-8 Plus**, May 22, 3:30 PM. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/cagykpb> to register. Connecting people with books they'll love is what readers' advisory is all about. Find out how to locate just the right fiction or nonfiction title with NoveList Plus and NoveList Plus K-8.
- **Points of View Reference Center**, May 29, 3:30 PM. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/d42jpp7> to Register. Points of View Reference Center is a full-text database that cover over 100 political, economic and cultural topics designed to provide researchers with essays that present multiple sides of current issues. Basic and Advanced searching will be demonstrated in the session, as well as the folder feature.
- **Overview of Health Resources**, May 28, 3:30 PM. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/cj4aynq> to register. This session is intended for librarians and teachers who want to learn more about the Consumer Health Complete and Health Source; both available through the WVInfoDepot. Find consumer-oriented health content in a variety of sources, from evidence-based reports, health reference books and encyclopedias to videos, animations and medical images, all in an interface designed to provide an intuitive means of searching.
- **Overview of EBSCO Resources for K-8 Schools and Libraries**, May 6, 3:30 PM. To register, visit <http://tinyurl.com/bw8dh77>. The EBSCO student interfaces are helpful resources for students, teachers and librarians. This workshop will demonstrate the highlights of Searchasaurus and Kids Search. Basic searches will be conducted, as well as applying limiters, saving and emailing results, and more. The session includes locating free resources on the EBSCO Support Site such as scavenger hunts, best practices, and tutorials.
- **Overview of EBSCO Resources for High Schools and Libraries**, May 9, 3:30 PM. To register, visit <http://tinyurl.com/c6np9iy>. This workshop will demonstrate Student Research Center, Points of View Reference Center, and other resources for grades 9-12. Basic searches will be conducted, as well as applying limiters, saving and emailing results, and more. The session includes where to find free, helpful resources on the EBSCO Support Site.

Youth Services Notes

By Suzy McGinley, Youth Services Consultant

- The West Virginia youth services listserv is up and running. We have fixed the bugs. To subscribe, go to <http://listserv.wvlc.lib.wv.us/mailman/listinfo/wvyouthserv>. We look forward to hearing from you.
- The "Dig into Reading" public service announcement (PSA) videos are now available. They are in DVD Format and include English and Spanish versions. If your library needs one of the PSAs, please contact Suzy McGinley,

Youth Services Consultant, suzy.s.mcginley@wv.gov or 1-800-642-9012 X 2.

- The Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) meeting was held last week. Slogans and themes were chosen for 2015 and 2016. The members also got a preview of the 2014 posters and other materials. The general theme for 2014 is Science. The Early Literacy and children's slogan is "Fizz, Boom, Read!" The Teens' is "Spark a Reaction!" The Adult slogan is "Literary Elements." The General theme for 2015 is Heroes. The Early Literacy and Children's slogan is "Every Hero Has a Story." The Teens' is "Unmask"! The Adult slogan is "Escape the Ordinary." The general theme for 2016 is Wellness/Fitness/Sports.

News in Brief

- Patricia Brown has been named Director of the South Charleston Public Library.
- Reminder: The 2014 GIA forms are available on the WVLC website, <http://tinyurl.com/d57ww6w>. Note that all information must be submitted to the Library Commission by **June 3, 2013**.

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